



**Four Corners Equine
Rescue**

ADOPTION Requirements & Procedures

Adoption Requirements

Basic requirements of a horse are not complicated. A horse needs shelter from inclement weather, constant access to fresh water, regular feeding of good quality food, grooming, and regular check-ups with the farrier and the vet. A horse also needs enough room to run, and regular exercise. Horses are social animals by nature, and need interaction with both other horses and people.

Following is a list of requirements for adoptions from FCER:

1. Appropriate pen and shelter - NO barbed wire. FCER will conduct a home inspection.
2. Training to be done by GENTLE training only! Do not ask the horse for more than it is physically able to do, respecting the horse's age, conformation and health.
3. Ability to provide prompt medical treatment if the horse becomes ill or injured.
4. Provide adequate hoof care - (trimming every 3 months at minimum).
5. Have a deworming and fly control program in place.
6. Annual vaccinations - tetanus, E/W/V encephalitis, flu vac.
7. Adopter certifies that he/she has no prior violations of adoption contracts or convictions for inhumane treatment of animals.
8. FCER reserves the right to refuse adoption of any horse to any person.
9. FCER will adopt in the state of New Mexico and southwestern Colorado only.
*Exceptions may be made if we can arrange for another rescue in your area to conduct inspections for us.
10. FCER reserves first right of refusal. This means that should the adopter decide he or she no longer wants the horse after the adoption is complete, FCER will have the right to refund the original adoption fee and the horse is returned to FCER.
11. Under no circumstances may a horse be sold at auction (public or private), or in any way be put at risk of going to slaughter.

Probationary Period

1. The term of the probationary period will vary by adoption. This will depend both on the adopter and the horse. For example: a Pasture Pal will have a very long probation.
2. FCER reserves the right to terminate the adoption at any time during the Probationary Period. If the adoption is terminated, the adoption fee that has been paid, minus ½ of the training cost will be refunded to the adopter.
3. The adopter is responsible for all expenses while the horse is in the adopter's care, regardless of whether or not the adoption is terminated.

4. Within the Probationary Period the adopter must notify FCER of the following in writing:
 - a. A change in location of the horse.
 - b. A severe injury or illness of the horse.
 - c. Death of the horse.

5. Adopter gives permission for FCER to come on the property where the horse is living for the purpose of monitoring his well-being, with reasonable advance notice.

Adoption Procedure

The adoption process starts with the potential adopter submitting an Adoption Application. Upon receipt of the application (to be accompanied by a \$10.00 application fee, which is non-refundable), FCER will check the references listed and inspect the property where the horse is to be kept. FCER will also evaluate the adopter's needs with the horses' ability to determine if this is a good match. If approved, the adopter will be notified, and an Adoption Agreement signed.